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I, Akito ICHIDA, hereby declare as follows:

I am the sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in the instant patent application.

I have carried out additional tests procedures and results of which are described below.

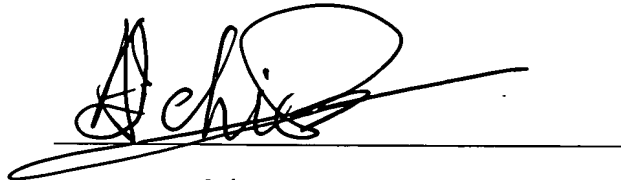
Comparative Example 1

3-chloro-5-nitrotoluene was produced in the same way as Example 1 of the instant patent application except for using N-chlorosuccinimide in place of t-butylhypochlorite. A production yield was 2%.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of any own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine

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